

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested a restriction/election with respect to the above-identified application. Specifically, the Examiner states that Species I of Claims 1-9; Species II of Claims 10-23; and Species III of Claims 24 and 25, are separate and distinct inventions. The Examiner requests an election of one species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction/election requirement. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-25 are interrelated to one another and should be prosecuted as part of the same patent application. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that Species I (Claims 1-9) discloses the impression medium apparatus and both Species II (Claims 10-23) and Species III (Claims 24 and 25) comprise the steps of providing the impression medium apparatus of Species I, recording the handprint or footprint on the impression medium, and copying the handprint or footprint onto a personalized keepsake. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 24 and 25 not only incorporate the same methodology as Claims 10-23, but are a combination of the steps of Claims 10-23 and are therefore interrelated with Claims 10-23. Species I (Claims 1-9), Species II (Claims 10-23), and Species III (Claims 24 and 25) are therefore interrelated to one another and should be prosecuted as part of the same patent application. However, in order to fully respond to the Office Action, Applicant elects Species II of Claims 10-23.

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Respectfully submitted,

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